

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1168

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2005

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

1 (1) violent crimes committed by criminal street
 2 gangs in cities throughout the United States has
 3 been increasing;

4 (2) these criminal gangs have been involved in
 5 human smuggling, drug trafficking, arms smuggling,
 6 brutal killings, and other violent crimes; and

7 (3) individuals are entering the United States
 8 with the intent of joining criminal gangs based in
 9 the United States and engaging in criminal activity.

10 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY.**

11 Section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
 12 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the
 13 end the following:

14 “(J) CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who a
 16 consular officer or the Attorney General
 17 knows, or has reasonable grounds to be-
 18 lieve, seeks to enter the United States to
 19 engage, solely, principally, or incidentally
 20 in a criminal street gang located in the
 21 United States is inadmissible.

22 “(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
 23 graph, the term ‘criminal street gang’
 24 means an ongoing group, club, organiza-
 25 tion, or association of 5 or more individ-

1 uals that commits a violation of Federal or
2 State law that is punishable by imprison-
3 ment of 1 year or more.”.

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